

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 2431

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 2475

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, CF

SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED COUP IN CONGO BRAZZAVILLE

1. EMBASSY LEARNED THIS EVENING THAT AT 1320 ZULU COUP ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE AGAINST CONGOLESE PRESIDENT NGOUABI. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCE, NGOUABI WAS WOUNDED IN JAW AND FOUR MILITARY MEN WERE KILLED. MEN BEHIND THE COUP ATTEMPT ARE AT PRESENT UNKNOWN. UNDERSTAND THAT 1900 TO 0700 CURFEW HAS BEEN PUT INTO EFFECT.
2. MOBUTU CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR THAT COUP ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE IN THE CONGO. HE DID NOT KNOW WHO WAS BEHIND IT BUT THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE WORK OF SMALL GROUP OF MILITARY.
3. EMBASSY HOPES TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM KINSHASA BASED HEAD OF CHANCERY OF BRITISH EMBASSY KINSHASA, WHO WAS IN BRAZZAVILLE AT TIME OF ATTEMPT AND IS EXPECTED TO RETURN MARCH 19. CUTLER

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